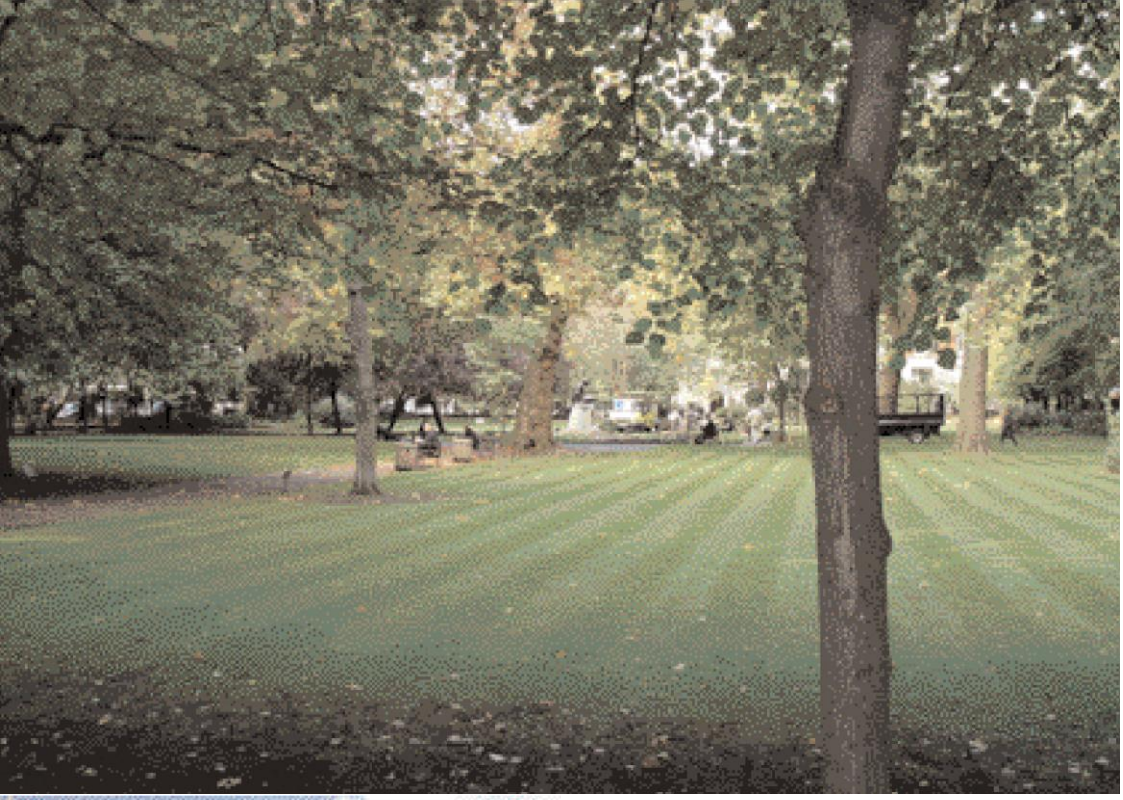
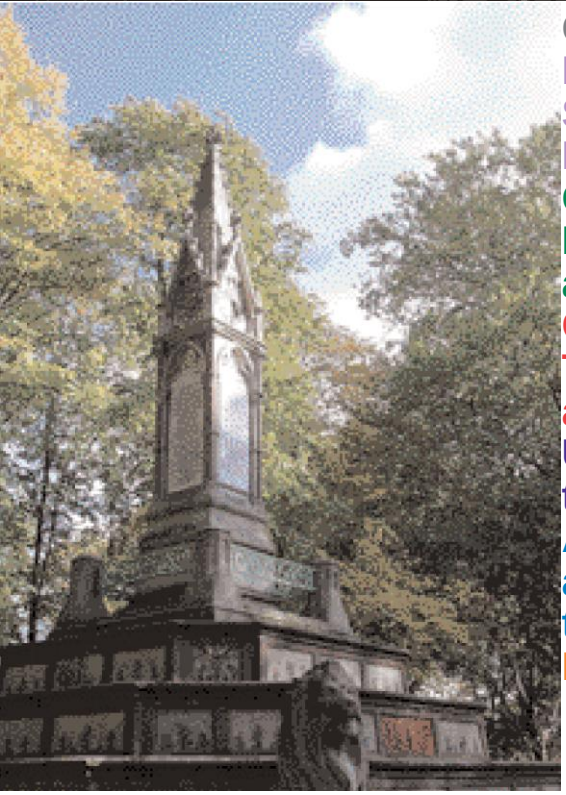
A Guide to Camden's Parks and Open Spaces

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Introduction

Camden Council manages nearly 70 parks and open spaces. They range from small neighbourhood playgrounds to grand city squares, historic graveyards to allotments. These oases dotted throughout the Borough, complement the bigger and somewhat better known areas that the Council does not manage, such as Hampstead Heath, Primrose Hill and Regents Park.

In recent years Camden has spent a good deal of money improving its parks and open spaces. In addition, supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, over £5 million has been spent on restoring five historic parks (Hampstead Cemetery, Russell Square, St George's Gardens, St Pancras' Gardens and Waterlow Park).

We have increased the numbers of gardeners and attendants in parks – please let them know what you think of our service, you can identify them by their uniforms. In addition we have Parks Officers on duty every day of the year, backed up by a mobile security patrol.

As well as managing public parks, the Parks and Open Spaces Service looks after the Borough's trees, runs the allotment service and manages a number of large grounds maintenance contracts for other Council departments. We also lead on the Camden Biodiversity Action Plan.

We would like you to think of this Guide as a welcoming invitation to Camden's parks and open spaces. There is information about most of them with a complete alphabetical list at the back, as well as contact details for our services and other useful organisations.





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Antrim Gardens, next to one of the Council's allotment sites, is more than just an attractive quiet sun trap within which to relax. As well as a children's playground it also contains two architectural curiosities, both presented to the Gardens in 1945 – one a decorative well-head made from stonework from the original House of Commons and the other a sundial constructed from a baluster of the old Waterloo Bridge. Antrim Grove allotments are a small-enclosed site with 27 plots and a communal shed. There is currently a waiting time of 10 years to get a plot at this site.

Adelaide Road Nature Reserve 2

Situated along a railway embankment on Adelaide Road, NW3. This sunny site next to Blashford Tower has a summer meadow, pond, areas of scrub and a small woodland. Regular conservation workdays for volunteers take place on the last Sunday of the month; contact the Nature Conservation Section. Tel 020 7974 8818.

Branch Hill and Spedan Close 3

Branch Hill Allotments are tucked away on Branch Hill, NW3 close to Hampstead village and have 26 plots and a communal shed. There is currently a waiting time of 10 years for a plot at this site

Spedan Close play area is set in a wooded enclosure and provides a valuable play facility for the local community. It caters for children from 4-12 years old.

Broadhurst Copse 4

The name of this site is misleading. If there was a copse on this site it has long since been replaced by a small park, the main feature of which is a playground.

Fortune Green Open Space and Hampstead Cemetery 5

Fortune Green is a much-valued large open space with a village green feel. It consists mostly of lawns and specimen trees and is adjacent to the Fortune Green Play Centre (managed by the Council's Play Service) and the tranquil Hampstead Cemetery. There is a playground for young children. In the summer it plays host to the popular Jester Festival.

Hampstead Cemetery covers 26 acres and has a main drive and public footpath running through it from Fortune Green to Cricklewood. The cemetery has no new grave spaces available, but there is an area for cremated remains to the north of the cemetery. The Islington and Camden Cemetery Service manages the cemetery (see contacts section at the end of this guide). Hampstead Cemetery was opened in 1876. There are two Gothic-style chapels, which are listed buildings, and an entry lodge made of Kentish Rag and Bath stone. There has been some major work to these buildings under a scheme supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, as well as road improvements and new landscaping. Hampstead Cemetery today has an excellent collection of memorial art, reflecting the cosmopolitan nature of the area's previous inhabitants. The site is also important for nature conservation and biodiversity.

Iverson Road Open Space 6

Iverson Road Open Space provides two facilities; a hard surface multi-use sports area containing a five-a-side pitch and two basketball courts and a children's playground.

Kilburn Grange 7

Kilburn Grange is a large park situated behind the busy Kilburn High Road. It was opened to the public in 1913, the land having previously been part of the Grange estate from which it takes its name. The park is divided into a series of areas. At one end are tennis courts and a play project. Next is the secluded rose garden; the main central area is a large open lawn which is used for fairs and other events in the summer. There is also a large hard surface multi-use games area in one corner and a dog exercise area. On the other side of the lawn, near to the new park attendants hut are children's playgrounds where there is a unique children's water play feature. The park is staffed permanently by both a gardener and an attendant.

Maygrove Peace Park 8

Opened in 1984, the Peace Park is an unusual site with landscaped rolling hillocks and shrub covered embankments. The gardens are well known for the large number of plaques and other features which promote world peace. A Japanese style pagoda entrance leads through to a "peace walk". Maygrove Peace Park also has a playground and a floodlit multi-use

games area; it is next to the Sidings Community Centre.

Primrose Gardens 9

Primrose Gardens contains lawns, shrubs and roses and lends an elegant charm to the period houses which surround it. Its small size and narrow shape mean that it is generally quiet and peaceful. It has a small central paved seating area.

Quex Road Open Space 10

Quex Road Open Space is a small neighbourhood playground adjacent to Saint Mary's CE School Kilburn.

Sumatra Road Open Space 11

This small open space, created just after the Second World War, includes a small hard surface five-a-side pitch and a playground for younger children. A shrub lined walk leads into the site from the road and a specimen rose hedge lines the street frontage.

Swiss Cottage Open Space 12

The open space forms the centrepiece of the Swiss Cottage civic site redevelopment which includes the refurbished library, sports centre, community centre and theatre. The open space will include a water feature with angled jets to be lit in the evening. The park will be landscaped with shrubs and trees (mainly cherries for spring colour and maples for autumn colour). The lawn areas will be banked in a series of terraces. There will be a toddlers' play area and an all weather five-a-side football pitch. The open space will be re-opened in the Winter of 2005/06.

Westbere Copse Nature Reserve 13

This small woodland made up primarily of native tree species (ash, oak, lime) is an important habitat for nesting bats and birds. A boardwalk runs through the site allowing visitors to experience the woodland at close hand without causing it damage. The site is open for a visit or to volunteer and take part in conservation work every Thursday morning and the second Sunday of the month. Extra children's and community events are also held on a regular basis; contact the Nature Conservation Section Tel 020 974 8818. Behind Westbere Copse, Jenny Wood Nature Reserve has a pond, a small meadow area and woodland.

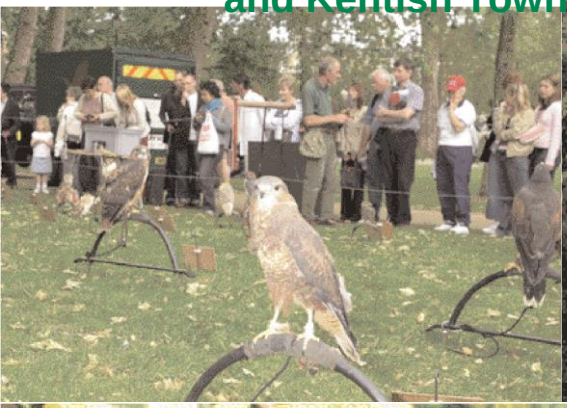
Westcroft Estate Allotments 14

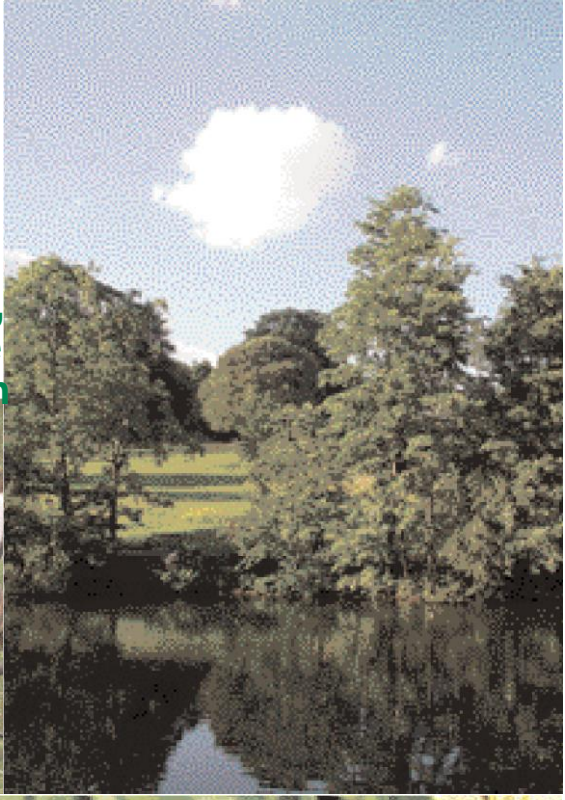
An unusual allotment site situated within Westcroft housing estate close to Cricklewood (NW2). Many of the plots have their own shed. Waiting times for plots at this site are available on request. Contact the Allotments Officer 020 7974 8819.

West End Green 15

West End Green was originally the green of the ancient hamlet of West End. It is situated right by the shops and bus stops. As well as lawn areas and mature plane trees, West End Green has a large decorative stone drinking fountain, dating from 1897. There is also an oak tree which was planted to commemorate the coronation of King Edward VII.

Gospel Oak, Hampstead, Highgate and Kentish Town








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Falkland Place Open Space 16

This site, away from busy roads, primarily provides facilities for local children. There are playgrounds suitable for all ages as well as some open space.

Fitzroy Park Allotments 17

Our largest allotment site with 86 plots. The site overlooks Hampstead Heath. There is currently a waiting time of 10 years for a plot at this site.

Hampstead Green 18

Hampstead Green is not generally open for public access. Instead it is cultivated as a spring wild flower meadow and in spring is a blaze of colour with daffodils. This attractive site can be easily viewed from paths which run around most of its perimeter. Hampstead Green is a small haven for wildlife, particularly insects, in this busy built up area.

Highgate Enclosures and Grove Terrace Squares 19

This series of small gardens run alongside Highgate Road. They provide shade and have attractive floral displays in summer. The fine 18th century houses of Grove Terrace provide an appropriately impressive backdrop on the eastern side. The gardens on the west side of Highgate Road allow greater access and offer seating.

Highgate New Town Open Space 20

Although Highgate New Town has much open space surrounding it, there is little at its centre. This small site provides a playarea for local children and in partnership with the local community, a major improvement project is planned during 2005.

Leighton Crescent Gardens 21

Leighton Crescent Gardens has thick shrub borders and a hard surface multi-use games area at its centre.

Lismore Circus 22

Although originally laid out as a circular garden in the 19th century, Lismore Circus has been absorbed into the extensive redevelopment of the Gospel Oak area in recent decades as a valued open space. Retaining its circular shape, Lismore Circus is bisected by a path and seating and is open and lit at night.

Montpelier Gardens 23

This is a hidden garden, accessible via passageways and not seen from the road. As a result its small lawn and large shrub beds have an even more tranquil feel. On one side of the Gardens is a large playground. Entry is from Brecknock Road, Montpelier Grove and Leighton Grove.

Pond Square Gardens 24

Situated at the highest point of the Borough in historic Highgate Village, Pond Square is a triangular area studded with fine trees. The Square was the site of two ponds, both of which were drained in 1886 to create the open space.

Russell Nurseries and Belsize Wood 25

This large mature woodland site (situated between Belsize Park tube station and Lawn Road NW3) is a haven for local wildlife and plant species. It is adjacent to a housing estate and accessible to public. The woodland is known for its large specimen oak trees. Alongside Russell Nurseries is the Belsize Wood Nature Reserve – a lovely small woodland. Whilst visiting the site you can admire the architecture of the listed Isokon building next door. The nature reserve is open for visits or to volunteer and take part in conservation work every Wednesday morning and on the third Sunday of the month. Extra children's and community events are also held on a regular basis; contact the Nature Conservation Section Tel. 020 7974 8818.

Talacre Gardens 26

This large open space between Chalk Farm to the west and Kentish Town to the east was redesigned in 2003 following the development of Talacre Community Sports Centre. Separate areas provide an all weather pitch; a children's playground; a planted seating area; a wide expanse of grass, pathways and benches and an area outside of the park for dog exercising. The Gardens provide an ideal space for community activities and events at all times of the year.

Waterlow Park 27

Waterlow Park is the largest park run by Camden and was bequeathed to the public by Sir Sidney Waterlow in 1889 as a "garden for the gardenless". Set on a hillside with panoramic views over London, the Park includes the historic Lauderdale House and its formal terraced gardens. Waterlow has ponds on three levels, tree lined walkways, mature shrub beds and herbaceous borders, ornamental bedding, expanses of lawn, six tennis courts and a small playground for younger children.

The Park is home to much wildlife, including foxes and bats. It also has an aviary which is used as an injured animal recovery centre. Many educational and entertaining events are organised by the Council. The Park is staffed permanently by two gardeners and an attendant.

The Council has undertaken a large improvement and restoration programme supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. This has seen the creation of a Waterlow Park Centre, restoration of the terraced gardens and surrounding historic walls, and the creation of timber boardwalks and viewing platforms at two of the ponds.

Waterlow Park Centre

The Centre is available for both public and private use, including:

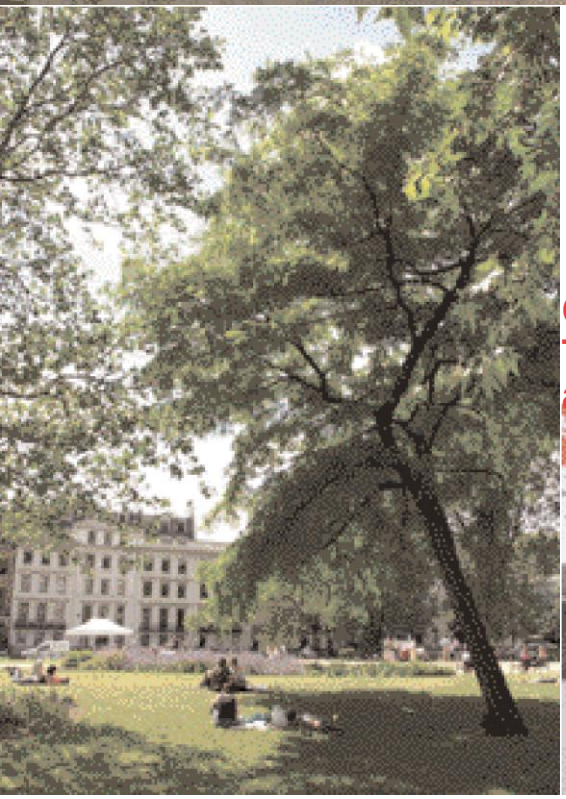
> Environmental educational sessions for local schools and colleges
> Information about Camden parks and open spaces including local history and events and exhibitions
> Functions and conferences.

The building has a capacity of 200 people. For more information please contact:

Waterlow Park Centre Manager

Tel 020 7974 8810
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Email parks@camden.gov.uk





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Alf Barrett Playground 28

This playground offers a range of play equipment including items for children with disabilities. There is a wide slide, with easy access and a roundabout that wheelchairs can be pushed aboard and secured.

Argyle Square Gardens 29

The Gardens were laid out by the Victorians and are still almost completely surrounded by original houses. A climbing frame suitable for young children is situated at one end of the Square and a multi-use fenced sports pitch at the other. The Square has an open feel but still retains its original perimeter plane trees. The park attendant for the area is based here.

Bloomsbury Square Gardens 30

Laid out in 17th century as the piazza to the Earl of Southampton's mansion, Bloomsbury Square has outlived the building it was intended to grace and now stands as a companion piece to Russell Square. Statues of eminent Whig politicians face each other along Bedford Place which connects them. Bloomsbury Square was redeveloped in the 1960s when an underground car park was constructed beneath it.

A recent refurbishment aimed to reflect elements of Humphrey Repton's 1806 layout, restore the views and link to the nearby Russell Square. New railings and a hornbeam fence were introduced along with new paths, park furniture and landscape improvements.

Brunswick Square Gardens 31

Brunswick Square was constructed as part of the recreation grounds of the Foundling Hospital, an orphanage founded by the distinguished seaman Captain Thomas Coram in 1739. The square on the other side of what is now Coram's Fields, Mecklenburgh Square also formed part of the grounds. Today Brunswick Square is open to the public as a garden. Near the centre of the garden is the finest example of a London Plane tree to be found anywhere in Camden. Brunswick Square was recently renovated with new railings, paths, park furniture, tree and landscape improvements.

Camden Gardens 32

This park, more than any other in the Borough, demonstrates the pressure of the urban environment on green space. As well as being surrounded on all sides by busy roads, this small garden actually has a raised railway bridge running right through the middle of it. A

little green oasis between Camden and Kentish Towns.

Camden Square Gardens 33

This traditional Victorian square has an excellent stock of mature trees as well as spring bulbs. Following public consultation the Square offers a large dog free area. At one end of the Square is the Camden Square Play Centre which is run by the Council.

Cantelowes Gardens 34

This large green space beside Camden Road has a multitude of uses. As well as quiet areas and shrub beds there is a children's playground, a multi-use sports pitch and a skatepark for skateboarding, roller skating/blading and BMX riding. Cantelowes Gardens is the only park in Camden where the focus has been directed so specifically at young people. Following extensive community consultation a major refurbishment of Cantelowes Gardens and the skatepark is planned.

Chalcot Square Gardens 35

This attractive and quiet little square complements the imposing terraces of Primrose Hill. Flowering cherry trees surround a paved seating area in the middle of the Gardens. The Square is a focal point for parents with young children.

Clarence Square Gardens, Munster Square Gardens and Hampstead Road Open Space 36

These green spaces predate the Regent's Park Estate, which has grown up around them. They now provide valuable public open space in this densely populated area. The Gardens are generally of modest design, incorporating lawn areas, shrub beds and some trees.

College Gardens 37

College Gardens is a small triangular open space at the north end junction of Royal College Street and St Pancras Way.

Crabtree Fields 38

Crabtree Fields is a small park nestling in the back streets of Fitzrovia. As well as a playground and shrub beds, the park has an attractive pergola walk covered in climbing plants.

Cumberland Market 39

Cumberland Market has gone through a number of changes since its original market days. The site currently

includes a floodlit hardsurface sports pitch and a playground. The sports pitch is regularly used by local young people. Working with local organisations, funding has been secured to improve the layout and landscaping of Cumberland Market. This will mainly concentrate on improving the cobbled surface of the western side and planting an avenue of trees along the central walk way.

Elm Village Open Space 40

This small local garden has a more expansive feel due to a split level design. It has a number of attractive shrub beds, seating areas and a children's playground which has been recently refurbished.

Euston Square Gardens (East and West) 41

The benches, lawns and shrub beds of Euston Square provide a pleasant environment for travellers using Euston Station. The square is divided in two by a bus lane which passes between stone lodges from the original entrance to Euston Station. Given its location this park probably has more visitors than any other in Camden!

Goldington Crescent Gardens 42

The lawns and mature trees of this oval shaped garden set off the attractive 19th century terraced crescent along its edge. Opposite is St Pancras Hospital and St Pancras Gardens.

Harrington Square Gardens 43

Since 1928, when nearby gardens were lost to the construction of Greater London House, Harrington Square has been the only large public garden in this part of the Borough. The Square has lawns and large trees but is particularly noted for its flower displays – one reason for its great popularity at summer lunchtimes.

Judd Street Open Space 44

This small green includes children's swings and a dog exercise area. The site was created in the early 1950s with the construction of the Cromer housing estate and is actually built on the site of an 18th century bowling green.

Lincoln's Inn Fields 45

This square is the largest in London and the oldest in Camden – there has been public open space here since at least the 12th century. In the subsequent centuries it was used for

duelling, jousting and occasional public executions. It was laid out formally in the 17th century and enclosed in 1735 under an Act of Parliament. The chequered past is little in evidence today as people lounge on the lawns and benches at lunchtimes while the more energetic play tennis or netball. The Fields were used as a camp by the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War – a fact marked by one of the many monuments to be found in the square. Lincoln's Inn Fields is staffed by both a gardener and an attendant.

Oakley Square Gardens 46

Oakley Square Gardens is a typical 19th century square; it was relandscaped in 1953 to celebrate the Coronation of Elizabeth II and has changed little since. A network of paths weave between new shrub beds, a fine collection of mature trees and two large circular rose beds.

Polygon Road Open Space 47

This open space in the heart of Somers Town has quiet seating area, a recreational grass area and a popular playground. It is adjacent to the popular 'Plot 10' play project.

Purchese Street Open Space 48

This open space provides valuable recreation facilities for the local community. There is a small playground, a hard surface games area for older children and a segregated dog exercise area. The main path through Purchese Street Open Space is lit at night.

Queen Square Gardens 49

Away from the busy traffic routes through Bloomsbury is peaceful Queen Square. The square is packed with features – lawns, rose beds, flowers, shrubs, trees, statues and monuments. The square is much used, especially in the summer.

Red Lion Square Gardens 50

Red Lion Square is the hidden jewel of Holborn. It was laid out in 1698 and took its name from a famous local inn, With traffic mostly passing by at just one end it is very quiet and secluded. The Square also has some statuary, including a bust of the philosopher Bertrand Russell.

Regent Square Gardens 51

Regent Square is another typical 19th century residential square consisting of

lawns, shrub beds, paths and and mature trees.

Rochester Terrace Gardens 52

Rochester Terrace Gardens is a typical residential square with lawns, mature trees and large play facility making it valued locally.

Russell Square Gardens 53

This large square is situated just behind the British Museum. It was completed in 1806 to a design by Humphrey Repton for the 5th Duke of Bedford, whose statue still stands in Gardens today.

The Council was supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund to restore and refurbish the gardens. This award winning refurbishment included removing some of the cosmetic alterations made in the 1960s and installing a new central plaza and water feature. Russell Square has a café which is open all year and the expansive lawns and vibrant floral displays make it a poular lunchtime spot. Russell Square now benefits from the attentions of a permanent gardener.

St Andrew's Gardens 54

St Andrew's Gardens was opened to the public in 1885, having previously been a burial ground. Many tombs and gravestones can still be seen in the Gardens and they lend an air of tranquility to the open lawns, flower beds and mature trees.

St George's Gardens 55

St George's Gardens is a real oasis. The many large plane trees create shade and imposing ivy clad tombs and gravestones are found throughout the Gardens. There is also a striking stone obelisk and classical statuary. Historically, St George's Gardens is important, as it was the first burial ground in London not to be sited next to its church. The Gardens comprise the sites of two former burial grounds, those of St George the Martyr (Holborn) and St George's Bloomsbury (Camden). St George's Gardens has recently undergone a restoration project supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The renovated Chapel of Ease now provides a meeting place for local groups as well as a store for the gardener who works here and at St Andrew's Gardens.

St George's Terrace Open Space 56

This small open space is a pleasing contrast to Primrose Hill park which is just across the road. Instead of sweeping lawns and occasional trees, St George's Terrace Open Space is a collection of trees, shrubs and lawns adding character to the period terrace which overlooks it.

St Giles' Churchyard 57

This historic graveyard has a number of memorials and tombstones and was also the site of two "plague pits" during the Black Death. It is tucked away in the corner of Covent Garden and is a quiet, pleasant spot in which to pause in the shadow of St Giles-inthe-Fields and the mature trees that surround it.

St James' Gardens 58

These large gardens just west of Euston Station were once a burial ground and still have many tombs and gravestones. St James' Gardens has a fenced hard surface sports pitch and a playground. The gardens have a calm, secluded air.

St Martin's Gardens 59

This former burial ground has gently undulating lawns and a perimeter lined with dozens of original gravestones. The most obvious element of the gardens is the large children's playground which has been a feature for many years.

St Pancras' Gardens 60

St Pancras' Gardens surrounding St Pancras Old Church one of the oldest sites of Christian worship in Europe, was opened in 1891. The gardens replaced the original churchyard and incorporated the burial ground of St Giles-in-the-Fields, Covent Garden, the original churchyard of which is also a public garden managed by the Council. There are many interesting features: the extravagent BurdettCoutts memorial sundial which has recently been restored; nearby, "the English Bach", Johann Christian, youngest son of J.S. Bach was buried in 1782; the famous memorial to Sir John Soane's wife, the design of which inspired the classic "K2" red telephone box; behind the church is a tree which has grown over and among gravestones, which were propped up against it when the Gardens were laid out – stone and wood are now fused together. The site has recently been improved and restored this project was supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Tavistock Square Gardens 61

Tavistock Square is leafy, shaded and less busy than nearby Russell Square. The Gardens include fine mature trees and shrubs around the border with lawns and flower beds in the centre. A number of memorial features can be found in Tavistock Square, some which promote peace. There is the central statue of Mahatma Gandhi, a tree planted to commemorate the victims of the Hiroshima bombing and a Conscientious Objectors' memorial stone. In one corner is an impressive stone bench which commemorates Dame Lousia Aldrich-Blake, one of the first women surgeons.

The Warren 62

The Warren is an extremely well used open space. The recently resurfaced and floodlit sports pitch is available for bookings and is often used for training sessions by the local group, Fitzrovia Youth in Action (see contacts at end of this guide). There is also a playground and a seating area.

Whitfield Gardens 63

This paved open space next to the American Church on Tottenham Court Road is designed for people to rest and sit back form the frantic tempo of the busy shops. Recently, the site has been improved and new artwork has been developed with local groups and the charity Groundwork Camden and Islington. Formerly, it was the burial ground for Whitfield's Tabernacle and, before that, the site of a large pond called The Little Sea.

Wicklow Street Open Space 64

Two facilities are provided at Wicklow Street. The first is a hard surface multiuse sports pitch and the second, a small playground. The play equipment has been upgraded in recent years.

Tel 020 7974 1693
(line staffed 8am-11pm every day)
Fax 020 7974 1543
Email parks@camden.gov.uk
Website www.camden.gov.uk

Latest news and parks information can be found on the Camden website. For events please log on to www.camden.gov.uk

Useful contacts and how to get involved

For more information or to report a problem in a park please contact

Parks and Open Spaces
London Borough of Camden
Crowndale Centre
218 Eversholt Street
London NW1 1BD

We also publish a listing of park events in the quarterly newsletter *At your Leisure* available from all Camden receptions, libraries and sports centres.

Waterlow Park Centre

The Centre is available for both public and private use, including:

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The building has a capacity of 200 people. For more information please contact:

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Tel 020 7974 8810
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parks@camden.gov.uk

Sports pitches in parks

To book a park sports court please contact

Argyle Square
(football/basketball)
Tel 07717 516 353

Kilburn Grange
(tennis courts and football/basketball)
Tel 07717 516 352

Lincoln's Inn Fields
(tennis and netball)
Tel 07717 516 251

St James' Gardens
(football/ basketball)
Tel 07717 300 093

Waterlow Park
(tennis courts)
Tel 07717 300 137

Attendants are available to take bookings from 10 minutes to the hour until 10 minutes past the hour (during daylight hours, every day).

The Warren
To book the sports pitch please contact

Fitzrovia Youth in Action
Basement
66-68 Warren Street London
W1T 5NZ

Tel 020 7388 7399
Fax 020 7388 7399

Talacre Community Sports Centre
Dalby Street
London NW5 3AF

Tel 020 7974 8765
Fax 020 7974 8751
Website www.camden.gov.uk/sport

Community sports facility with a gymnastics training centre, a sports hall with four badminton courts, an indoor soft play area for young children and an outdoor artificial turf pitch suitable for football and hockey.

Trees

Camden Tree Section
Parks and Open Spaces
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Website http://cindex.camden.gov.uk

Cemeteries

Islington and Camden
Cemetery Service
High Road
East Finchley
London N2 9AG

Tel 020 8883 1231
Fax 020 8365 2178

Islington Council manages St Pancras and Hampstead Cemeteries. Camden does not have a crematorium. However, the Islington and Trent Park Cemetery and Crematorium service is also based at High Road, East Finchley (Tel 020 8883 1230).

Other Camden services

Customer Service Centre
London Borough of Camden
3-5 Cressy Road
London NW3 2ND

Tel 020 7974 5974
Fax 020 7974 3153 Email
info@camden.gov.uk Open
Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.

Camden Direct Information Service with information on Camden Council, organisations and services in Camden.

Parks and open spaces managed by other organisations

Hampstead Heath

Superintendent of Hampstead Heath
Heathfield House
432 Archway Road
London N6 4JH

Tel 020 8348 9908
Fax 020 8348 1677
Website
https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/events

Kenwood

The Ivy Bequest Kenwood Hampstead Lane
London NW3 7JR

Tel 020 7973 3893
Fax 020 7973 3890 Email
andrew.ginner@englishheritage.org.uk
Website www.english-heritage.org.uk

Parliament Hill

The Manager
The Staff Yard
Highgate Road
London NW5 1QR

Tel 020 7485 4491 Email
hampstead.heath@corpoflondon.gov.uk Website
www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/openspaces

Regent's Park or Primrose Hill

The Royal Parks
Park Information Office
The Storeyard
Inner Circle
Regents Park
London NW1 4NR

Tel 020 7486 7905
Fax 020 7224 1895
Website https://www.royalparks.org.uk/

Highgate Cemetery

Highgate Cemetery
Swain's Lane
London N6 6PJ

(please include an SAE)

Tel 020 8340 1834
Website
www.highgatecemetery.org.uk

Coram's Fields Children's Playground

Coram's Fields
93 Guilford Street
London WC1N 1DN

Tel 020 7837 6138
Fax 020 7833 2393

Camley Street Natural Park

Camley Street Natural Park
12 Camley Street
London NW1 0PW

Tel 020 7833 2311
Email camleyst@wildlondon.org.uk

Kentish Town City Farm

Kentish Town City Farm
1 Cressfield Close
London NW5 4BN

Tel 020 7916 5421
Fax 020 7916 5420
Email mickmagennis@aol.com
Website https://ktcityfarm.org.uk/

Mill Lane Open Space and Action Group

Situated in Mill Lane NW6 close to West Hampstead tube station. The site is owned by the Council's Education Department, it has a large wildlife pond and a children's play area. An action group helps manage the site and hold regular conservation workdays for volunteers and local events. Open in daylight hours. Access to the pond is restricted.

Tel 020 7435 5443

Greville Place London Wildlife Trust

On Greville Place NW6, close to Kilburn Park Tube. This small site is the garden of a coach house once occupied by Pink Floyd. Now managed as a nature reserve it has many interesting trees and a small pond. Open the first Sunday of the month for visits and conservation workdays.

Tel 020 7261 0447

Mortimer Terrace Nature Reserve

A small nature reserve situated just off Mortimer Terrace, NW5. Between Gordon House and the Silverlink (North London) railway. Open on the first Sunday of the month for events and volunteer conservation work.

Tel 020 7267 2310

Phoenix Garden

Entrance in St Giles' Passage, off New Compton Street, WC2

c/o 21 Stacey Street London
WC2H 8DG

Tel 020 7379 3187

Open in daylight hours. Gardener on site Tuesday-Thursday.

Community organic garden with small woodland, pond and bog garden, flower and herb beds, bird feeding station and nest boxes.

Calthorpe Project

Calthorpe Project
258-274 Grays Inn Road London
WC1X 8LH

Tel 020 7837 8019
Fax 020 7713 0321

Open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm,
Sat 11am-5pm

Organic community garden for local people to tend. Programme of activities for children and adults, including gardening classes for adults with learning difficulties. Floodlit sports pitch for hire (marked for netball and five-a-side football).

Sidings Community Centre

Sidings Community
Centre 150 Brassey Road
off Maygrove Road
London NW6 2BA

Tel 020 7625 6260
Fax 020 7625 6260
Email sidings@i12.com

Open Monday-Friday 10am-6pm and some evening and weekend activities. Community centre with playgroup, crèche, sports hall, youth club, underfives soft room and manages the Maygrove Peace Park football pitch.

Castlehaven Community Centre

Castlehaven Community Centre
33 Hawley Road
London NW1 8RU

Tel 020 7485 3386
Fax 020 7267 5762
Website www.castlehaven.org.uk

Office open Monday-Friday
10am-5.30pm
Programme of events and courses including Over 60s' day trips and holidays, Over 60s' Tai Chi and dance classes, Under-Fours' Playtime, after school club, sports pitches for hire.

Useful organisations

CABE space

CABE space
The Tower Building
11 York Road
London SE1 7NX

Tel 020 7960 2400

Fax 020 7960 2444
Email enquiries@cabe.org.uk
Website www.cabespace.org.uk

CABE Space works with local authorities and other bodies responsible for public space to help them provide a better service.

Parks for London

The overall aim of the London Parks and Green Spaces Forum is: “to promote a network of accessible quality green space, as a major contribution towards a healthier and more sustainable world city.”

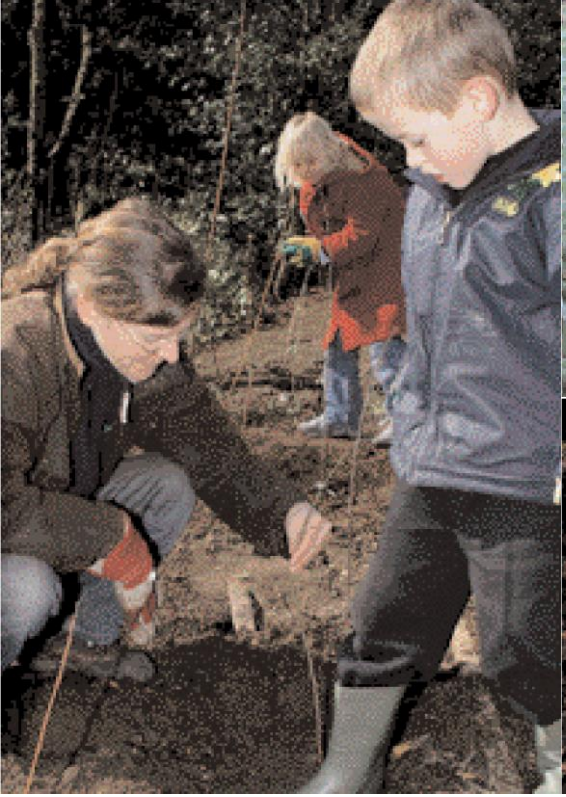
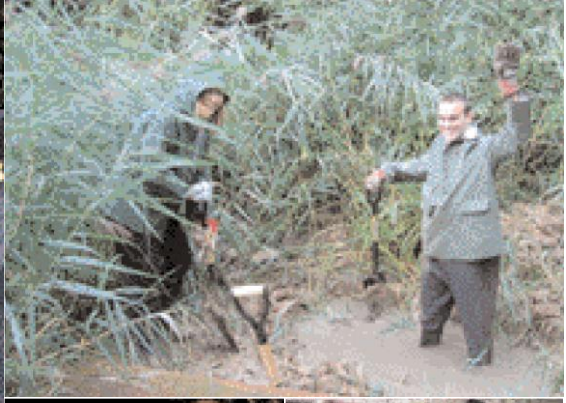
London Parks and Green Space Forum
PP19b
City Hall
The Queen’s Walk
London SE1 2AA

Tel 0118 946 9060
Fax 0118 946 9061
Website
https://parksforlondon.org.uk/contact/

Groundwork Camden and Islington
12 Baron Street
London N1 9LL

Tel 020 7278 1514
Fax 020 7278 1515 Email
london@groundwork.org.uk
Website
https://www.groundwork.org.uk/hubs/london/

Environmental regeneration charity working on local projects such as landscaping and installing children’s play areas, increasing the recreational use and security of public open spaces.




Nature Conservation and Biodiversity

Nature conservation is an important element of how Camden's extensive range of parks, open spaces and nature reserves are managed. To ensure this happens effectively we have a Nature Conservation (and Allotments) section within the Parks Service.

We work to increase and improve the habitats for wildlife across the Borough through park management, improvement works and involvement in planning applications and proposed developments. The service also offers regular opportunities for local people and children to take part in both practical conservation work and through a programme of wildlife events across our parks and open spaces.
We offer a more formal programme for schools at Waterlow Park and the three nature reserve sites we manage where the next generation can learn about valuing nature and the environment around them.

We also lead on the Camden Biodiversity Action Plan, a five year plan of action for wildlife and its habitats

across the Borough. This plan was developed by a partnership of over 21 landowners and local community groups coming together to prioritise action for the Borough. Copies of the Action Plan can be found on the website (www.camden.gov.uk) or by contacting Nature Conservation Section

Alphabetical list of parks, addresses, features and travel details

Site	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Travel details
Adelaide Road Nature Reserve Adelaide Road NW3												B C11 31 U Swiss Cottage Chalk Farm R South Hampstead
Alf Barrett Playground Old Gloucester Street WC1												B 59 68 91 168 U Holborn/Russell Square R No local station
Antrim Gardens and Allotments Antrim Grove NW3												B 168 C11 U Belsize Park R Gospel Oak
Argyle Square Gardens WC1												B 10 30 46 73 91 214 U King's Cross St Pancras R King's Cross
Bloomsbury Square Gardens WC1												B 68 91 168 188 U Holborn R No local station
Branch Hill and Spedan Close NW3												B 268 210 U Hampstead R Hampstead Heath

Site	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Travel details
Broadhurst Copse Broadhurst Gardens NW6												B 328 139 C11 U Finchley Road R West Hampstead
Brunswick Square Gardens WC1												B 68 91 168 188 U Russell Square R No local station
Camden Gardens Camden Street NW1												B 134 214 C2 29 253 U Camden Town R Camden Road
Camden Square Gardens NW1												B 29 253 274 U Camden Town R Camden Road
Cantelowes Gardens Camden Road NW1												B 29 253 U Camden Town R Camden Road
Chalcot Square Gardens NW1												B 274 U Chalk Farm R Camden Road
Clarence Gardens Regents Park Estate NW1												B C2 24 27 29 134 U Great Portland Street R Euston
College Gardens Royal College Street NW1												B 46 29 134 214 253 C2 U Camden Town R Camden Road

Key **1** Locked at night **2** Playground **3** Tennis **4** Sports pitch **5** Public toilets **6** Café **7** Local attendant **8** Dog exercise area **9** Floral bedding displays **10** Conservation area **11** Historic site

Key B Bus U Underground R Rail

Site	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Travel details
Crabtree Fields												B 10 24 29 73 134

Colville Place W1												U Goodge Street R No local station
Cumberland Market Regents Park Estate NW1												B C2 24 27 29 134 U Great Portland Street R Euston
Elm Village Open Space Barker Drive NW1												B 46 274 U Camden Town R Camden Road
Euston Square Gardens (East and West) Euston Road NW1												B 10 18 30 68 73 91 168 188 253 U Euston R Euston
Falkland Place Open Space NW5												B 134 214 C2 U Kentish Town R Kentish Town
Fortune Green Open Space Fortune Green Road NW6												B 328 C11 U West Hampstead R West Hampstead
Goldington Crescent Gardens NW1												B 46 214 U Mornington Crescent R King's Cross
Hampstead Green Rosslyn Hill NW3												B 168 268 C11 24 46 U Belsize Park R Hampstead Heath
Hampstead Road Open Space NW1												B 24 27 29 134 U Euston R Euston
Harrington Square Gardens NW1												B 24 27 29 134 253 168 U Mornington Crescent R Euston

Highgate Enclosures and Grove Terrace Squares Highgate Road NW5												B 214 C2 C11 U Kentish Town R Kentish Town
Highgate New Town Open Space Raydon Street N19												B C11 U Archway R No local station
Iverson Road Open Space NW6												B 16 32 189 316 U Archway R Brondesbury
Judd Street Open Space WC1												B 10 30 73 91 46 214 U King's Cross St Pancras R King's Cross
Kilburn Grange Messina Avenue NW6												B 16 32 189 316 328 U Kilburn R Brondesbury
Leighton Crescent Gardens Leighton Grove NW5												B 134 214 C2 U Kentish Town R Kentish Town
Lincoln's Inn Fields WC2												B 68 91 168 188 U Holborn R No local station

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Lismore Circus Lamble Street NW5												B C11 U Belsize Park R Gospel Oak
Maygrove Peace Park Maygrove Road NW6												B 16 32 189 316 U Kilburn R West Hampstead

Montpelier Gardens Brecknock Road NW5												B 10 134 U Kentish Town R Kentish Town
Munster Square Laxton Place NW1												B C2 24 27 29 134 U Great Portland Street R Euston
Oakley Square **Gardens** NW1												B 168 214 253 24 27 29 46 134 U Mornington Crescent R Euston
Polygon Road Open **Space** Chalton Street NW1												B 168 253 46 214 U Euston R Euston
Pond Square N6												B 143 210 271 U Archway R No local station
Primrose Gardens NW3												B 168 C11 268 U Belsize Park R Gospel Oak
Purchese Street **Open Space** NW1												B 46 214 U King's Cross St Pancras R King's Cross
Queen Square **Gardens** WC1												B 68 91 168 188 U Russell Square R Euston
Quex Road **Open Space** NW6												B 328 189 16 32 316 U Kilburn Park R Kilburn High Road
Red Lion **Square Gardens** WC2												B 68 91 168 188 U Holborn R No local station
Regent Square **Gardens** WC1												B 46 10 30 73 91 214 U King's Cross St Pancras R King's Cross

Rochester Terrace Gardens NW1												B 29 253 U Camden Town R Camden Road
Russell Nurseries and Belsize Wood Nature Reserve Lawn Road NW3												B 168 268 C11 24 46 U Belsize Park R Hampstead Heath
Russell Square Gardens WC1												B 68 91 168 188 U Russell Square R Euston
St Andrew's Gardens Grays Inn Road WC1												B 46 U Russell Square R King's Cross
St George's Gardens Heathcote Street WC1												B 68 91 168 188 U Russell Square R King's Cross

Site	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Travel details
St George's Terrace Open Space NW1												B 274 U Chalk Farm R Camden Road
St Giles' Churchyard St Giles' High Street WC2												B 10 24 29 73 134 U Tottenham Court Road R No local station
St James' Gardens Cardington Street NW1												B 24 27 29 134 30 73 U Euston R Euston
St Martin's Gardens Camden Street NW1												B 46 24 27 29 134 168 214 253 U Camden Town R Camden Road

St Pancras' Gardens Pancras Road NW1												B 46 214 U Mornington Crescent R King's Cross
Sumatra Road **Open Space** NW6												B C11 328 139 U West Hampstead R West Hampstead
Swiss Cottage **Open Space** 88 Avenue Road NW8												B 328 139 C11 U Swiss Cottage R West Hampstead
Talacre Open Space Talacre Road NW5												B 46 24 134 214 C2 U Chalk Farm R Kentish Town West
Tavistock Square **Gardens** WC1												B 68 91 168 188 U Russell Square R Euston
The Warren Whitfield Place W1												B 10 24 29 73 134 U Warren Street R Euston
Waterlow Park Dartmouth Park Hill N19												B 143 210 271 U Archway R No local station
Westbere Copse **Nature Reserve** Westbere Road NW2												B C11 U Kilburn R Cricklewood
West End Green West End Lane NW6												B 328 139 C11 U West Hampstead R West Hampstead
Whitfield Gardens Tottenham Court Road W1												B 10 24 29 73 134 U Goodge Street R No local station

Wicklow Street		B 46
Open Space WC1		U King's Cross St Pancras R King's Cross

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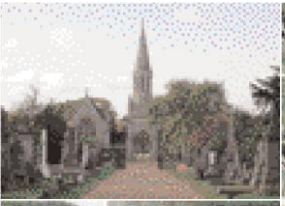
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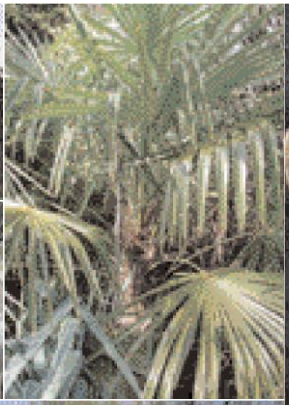
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Albanian

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Arabic

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Bengali

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Chinese

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Somali

Haddii aad u baahantahay macluumaadkan oo ku qoran luqaddaada oo ku daabacan far waawayn, ama ku duuban cajelad fadlan na soo ogaysii.

Spanish

Si usted necesita esta información en su idioma, en letras grandes o en un casette, por favor avísenos.

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